



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

CHASTEEN ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/757,362

Filed: January 8, 2001

Atty. File No.: 1604-373

For: "SMALL OPENING BEVERAGE
END CLOSURE ADAPTED FOR
FRICTIONAL ENGAGEMENT
WITH A STRAW" (As Amended)

) Group Art Unit: 3727

) Examiner: Robin A. Hylton

) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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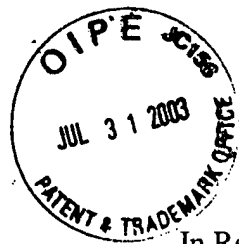
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of February 28, 2003 (Paper No.). Enclosed herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from May 28, 2003 to July 28, 2003, as well as a check in the amount of \$410.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the application as follows:



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Dear Sir:

On July 15, 2003, a personal interview was conducted with Examiner Hylton. During the interview, the prior art Japanese and U.S. Patent references cited in the February 28, 2003 Office Action were discussed, along with proposed claim amendments. Further, a sample container with the novel components identified in the claims was shown to the Examiner, as well as copies of industry awards received by Applicant regarding the new design. The Examiner indicated that the Amended claims appeared allowable, but that an updated search would be conducted upon receipt of a formal amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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) STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE
) OF THE INTERVIEW

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